

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Delia Carlyle, Arizona Indian Gaming Association, Phoenix, on behalf of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council; J.R. Matthews, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Quapaw, Oklahoma; Mark Van Norman, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Brian Patterson, United

South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Kurt Luger, Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, Bismarck, North Dakota; and Kathryn R.L. Rand and Steven Light, both of the University of North Dakota Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy, Grand Forks.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5828–5855; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 330–331; and H. Res. 1117–1123 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–591);

H.R. 831, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–592);

H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area (H. Rept. 110–593); and

H.R. 3928, to require certain large government contractors that receive more than 80 percent of their annual gross revenue from Federal contracts to disclose the names and salaries of their most highly compensated officers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–594).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

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Reception in the House Chamber to Receive Former Members of Congress: The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Braley motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record.

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Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families, by a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 204. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, April 16th.

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Accepted:

Petri amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590), modified by unanimous consent, that requires the Secretary of Education to review and revise as necessary the regulations concerning prohibited guaranty agency inducements to eligible lenders;

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Castle amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that requires the General Accountability Office to conduct a study of the impact of raising loan limits on (1) tuition, fees, and room and board at institutions of higher education; and (2) private loan borrowing for attendance at institutions of higher education;

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Castor amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that temporarily classifies medical

bill payment delinquencies of up to 180 days an extenuating circumstance which shall not interfere with parents' ability to receive PLUS loans for their children's tuition; and

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George Miller (CA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that makes technical and conforming changes; states that loan limit increases available under this Act are available only to students meeting the requirements of section 484(a) of the HEA; targets the loan limit increases to those students and families in most need; in regard to school-wide lender-of-last-resort eligibility, specifies that the Secretary of Education shall determine whether a school qualifies and provides criteria for the Secretary to consider in making the determination; specifies that funds received by lenders from loan sales be used to originate new loans; clarifies that the Secretary has the authority to enter into forward commitments to purchase new loans; and clarifies that, at the discretion of the Secretary, a loan purchased by the Secretary may continue to be serviced by the current lender (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 203).

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H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, April 16th.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Lou Costantino, an employee of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 23rd.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he provided notification of his intent to add the Solomon Islands to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–105).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2468.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2466–67, H2467. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY MORALE-WELFARE-RECREATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Leslye A. Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy; MG John A. Macdonald, USA, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Commander, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command; RADM Robert J. Bianchi, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; BG Keith L. Thurgood, USAR, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Timothy R. Larsen, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Richard Page, Acting Director, Defense Commissary Agency; John Baker, Fleet and Family Readiness Program Director, Navy Installations Command; and Arthur J. Myers, Director of Services, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Missile Defense Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Charles E. McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; LTG Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and LTG Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights. Testimony was heard from Senators Levin and Wyden; Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Chief Counsel and First Senior Deputy Comptroller; and John Bowman, General Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.